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House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 22, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend James R. Seale, Rector, All Saints Episcopal Church, Frederick, Maryland, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray. O God, Creator and Preserver of this world, we thank You for all the blessings we are so privileged to enjoy in this land. We give thanks for all who work at the local, State, and national levels to serve our citizens and uphold the freedoms we so cherish. We pray for a gentle heart and courage to prevail in all we do and say as we go about this day.

And now I ask Your blessing on this session of the House of Representatives and ask that today and each day You bestow on each Member and their staff wisdom and perseverance to work for justice and peace here at home and throughout the world. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BALLENGER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BALLENGER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 1122) "An Act to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions," returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House, in which it originated, and passed by the House on reconsideration of the same, it was resolved, that the said bill do not pass, two-thirds of the Senators present not having voted in the affirmative.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2317. An act to improve the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate disagrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 2206) "An Act to amend the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and make improvements to those Acts, to establish demonstration projects that provide an opportunity for persons with limited means to accumulate assets, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. COATS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. KENNEDY, and

Mr. DODD, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4112, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

Mr. LIVINGSTON submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 4112) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 105-734)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4112) "making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes", having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

Amendment numbered 1:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Strike all on page 2, line 5, of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 4112, down through and including all on page 10, line 7, and in lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert the following:

TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS SENATE

EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

For expense allowances of the Vice President, \$10,000; the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, \$10,000; Majority Leader of the Senate, \$10,000; Minority Leader of the Senate, \$10,000; Majority Whip of the Senate, \$5,000; Minority Whip of the Senate, \$5,000; and Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Conference Committees, \$3,000 for each Chairman; in all, \$56,000.

REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

For representation allowances of the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, \$15,000 for each such Leader; in all, \$30,000.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

For compensation of officers, employees, and others as authorized by law, including agency contributions, \$87,233,000, which shall be paid

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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